

Finance Committee Minutes
Village of Thornville, 3 South Main Street
August 5, 2024
7:30 PM

Committee Members:

Sterling Krout – Committee Chair
Dale Brussee – Vice Chair
Lynne Snider

Other Village Officials:

Amanda Lackey - Mayor
Abby Tolliver – Clerk of Councils
Melissa Brofford – Village Adminstr.

Guests Present: Tasia Savage, Taylor Bennett

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:

Committee Chair Sterling Krout called the meeting to order by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30PM.

Roll Call:

Roll Call was taken with Committee Chair Sterling Krout, Committee Vice Chair Dale Brussee, and Committee Member Lynne Snider all present.

Roll Call:

Sterling Krout – aye
Lynne Snider – aye
Dale Brussee – aye

Motion Passed 3-0

Review & Approval of Business Agenda for August 5, 2024:

Committee Chair Sterling Krout for a motion to approve the August 5, 2024 business agenda. Committee Vice Chair Dale Brussee made the motion, and was seconded by Committee Member Lynne Snider. A roll call vote was taken, with all committee members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Lynne Snider – aye
Sterling Krout – aye
Dale Brussee – aye

Motion Passed 3-0

Review & Approval of Minutes from July 1, 2024:

Committee Chair Sterling Krout asked for a motion to approve the minutes from July 1, 2024. Committee Vice Chair Dale Brussee made the motion, and was seconded by Committee Member Lynne Snider. A roll call vote was taken, with all committee members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Dale Brussee – aye
Sterling Krout – aye
Lynne Snider – aye

Motion Passed 3-0

Old Business:

➤ **Prosecutor/Magistrate Payment via Chief Williams:**

Mayor Lackey explained the differences in cost and benefit between Mayor's Court continuing in the village, or being moved to the county level. Administrator Brofford explained the income brought in by the police levy, and how that money is appropriated to the police department. Administrator Brofford explained rearranging some line items to help the police budget not struggle was supported heavily by the magistrate, and would not be a complicated process. Committee Chair Sterling Krout asked if the committee opposed entertaining Chief Williams request. Committee Vice Chair Dale Brussee argued that allowing this would cause the police department to cost the village more than it is worth. Committee Vice Chair Dale Brussee proposed fine collections funding the department so there would not be as many budgeting issues, or to avoid budgeting issues rely on the County Sherriffs Office. Committee Vice Chair Dale Brussee questioned how many police levies were on record, to which Administrator Brofford explained the only one she was aware of was the one approved in 2021 but would look into the levies. Administrator Brofford explained the budget overall is incredibly messy and does not line up with what is needed within the village, and an overhaul and redoing of line items would be beneficial moving forward, magistrate issues aside. Administrator Brofford expressed that the line items in the budget should be self-explanatory and are not at the moment.

New Business:

➤ **New Mump or Re-Conditioned RAS Pump**

Administrator Brofford explained the Village's RAS Pump has gone out. It will cost \$11,351 to recondition the pump, or \$19,700 to buy a new pump. Administrator Brofford explained the individual who inspected the pump recommended buying a new one due to the pumps current condition. Committee Chair Sterling Krout questioned which funds were available to purchase the pump. Administrator Brofford explained the sewer fund is quite healthy and this would not cause issues in budgeting. Committee Vice Chair Dale Brussee suggested bringing the purchase of a new pump to council to approve, to which the committee agreed.

➤ **Pipe Camera Purchase**

Administrator Brofford explained the issues the village is currently facing regarding storm drains and sewer pipes, and the difficulty of accessing these issues without proper views. Administrator Brofford explained that it costs \$435 to rent a push camera per day, or \$1300 per week. To purchase varies due to size, but around \$3500 for what would be needed for the Village. Committee Chair Dale Brussee expressed concerns with the lack of knowledge of the piping and drain routes, and suggested finding one with markers to help map those. Water Superintendent Kelly Green is continuing research on cameras and best prices. Superintendent Green did inform Administrator Brofford potentially

borrowing the county's camera is an option, but discussions would have to be held. It was decided that looking for a company to come in with a demonstration for council and the Water/Sewer employees, chosen by Superintendent Green and Administrator Brofford, would be the best route forward.

➤ **Dozer Rental for Village Dump Maintenance**

Administrator Brofford explained the state of the Village Dump, and that previous councils had rented bulldozers to level out and push back the heightened pile. Committee Vice Chair Dale Brussee expressed concern about pushing to close to the creek bed behind the dump. Committee Vice Chair Dale Brussee suggested going in and chipping, organizing, and composting the pile to ensure the creek is not dumped into and the trees still standing around the dump are not killed. The committee agreed.

Comments & Announcements:

Committee Chair Sterling Krout asked on an update on the LeafVac purchase. Administrator Brofford explained the LeafVac had been ordered and would be in the next load from the supplier. Committee Chair Dale Brussee suggested storing the LeafVac in the Pump House at the Village Pool, or with other street equipment in the village's barn.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Committee Chair Sterling Krout asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Committee Member Lynne Snider made the motion, and was seconded by Committee Vice Chair Dale Brussee. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Sterling Krout – aye

Dale Brussee – aye

Lynne Snider – aye

Motion Passed 3-0


Sterling Krout, Committee Chair


Abby Tolliver, Clerk of Councils